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TELECASTING OF KASHIR CHANNEL
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria and guidelines for telecasting regional Doordarshan Kendra`s programmes by the cable operators in the country;

(b) whether Kashir channel of Doordarshan Srinagar is not being telecast by the cable operators in the country especially in Delhi; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c): As per the provisions of Section 8 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, the cable operators are required to retransmit atleast two DD terrestrial channels and one regional channel of a State in the prime band, in satellite mode. The Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) has notified DD-I (National Channel) and DD News besides one regional channel in this regard. For Delhi and the Hindi language States, DD Bharati has been notified as the regional channel. However, DD Kashir has been notified as regional channel to be telecast for the State of Jammu & Kashmir.